**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister will be pleased to inspect that office and find out whether there was any written offer received and the record has been destroyed.

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not find any real necessity because there is the report of the Departmental Head that no offer was received.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* I have personally assured.....

**Mr. President:** Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is not asking for information. The Hon'ble Member is entitled to put questions in order to elicit information.

## BLACK-MARKETING OF COTTON YARN

**297. Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received stamped anonymous or pseudonymous petitions about the illicit transport and black-marketing of cotton yarn of 80 counts, etc., by the hand-loom weavers and traders of Kuthampilly, etc.;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps were taken to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the allegation;

(*c*) what, if any, are the results and the final orders passed by Government?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of (*a*).

(*c*) Do.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of any petition being submitted to the Director of Industries as Controller of Yarn.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* He has not received any petition.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Whether the Government is aware of any enquiry being couducted in Kuthampilli about the transport of yarn.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* No. Not aware.

## NEWSPAPER ARTICLE—CLOTH BLACK-MARKET

**298. Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the article in the "Jenmabhumi" "Cloth Black Market" in its issue, dated 15th Makaram 1120, page 1;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have been pleased to enquire into the various pointed allegations contained therein;

(*c*) what steps if any have been taken to remedy the evils complained of?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The statements made in the article are exaggerated. It is true that there is some difficulty in the matter of distribution of cloth. This is primarily due to the insufficiency of the quota allotted to the State and the difficulty in getting the desired varieties. When supply is short, it is impossible to ensure even distribution of one and the same variety, *e.g.*, Mettur Mull, to all retailers. Government are alive to the need for securing adequate supplies. They have already taken up the matter with the Textile Authorities in Bombay.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that these wholesale dealers insist on retailers to purchase from them certain qualities of cloth which are not saleable anywhere along with other sailable cloth.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* No.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is the distribution of these between the wholesalers, equitably done or is any favour shown?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* No favouritism is allowed.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that in the last distribution of cloth obtained from the Chitra Mills, probably the distribution was high in certain cases and very low in certain other cases?

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**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* This is primarily due to the insufficiency of quota allowed. Is the whole quota allowed imported there?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I do not know whether the whole quota has been allotted. So far there has been no difficulty in the matter of transport of cloths.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Has the Government received its quota in the distribution of the quota?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* No.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Are we getting the quota allotted?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. We are getting the quota allowed.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is this distribution done Taluk-war?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* The distribution is done between the various dealers according to the requirements of each locality as found out from the sales of these whole-salers and retailers before the war.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is there anything in the distribution order that so much should be allowed to Trichur, Cochin-Kanayannur, Talappalli and so on?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* They make out a list like that according to the requirements of the several Taluks.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* In the disribution is any individual person treated as a Taluk?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* That question does not arise. A person is not treated as a Taluk.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* May I know whether in the case of Mettur Mull the best of the qualities given to Cochin is made available only at Trichur or at Ernakulam also?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. T. P. Poulose** *(Kanayannur):* Will the Government be pleased to enquire into that?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there an agent for this Mettur Mull at Alwaye or Chalakkudi?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Who is the agent for the Sree Chitra Mill?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I think Mr. Lonappan is the agent.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Is any special treatment given to that gentleman?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E.** *(Secretary to Government):* No special treatment is given to him except in the sense that he has been the largest wholesale importer and so, naturally he will get the largest number.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Has he been treated a Taluk?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* He has not been treated as Taluk.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government is referring to Mr. C. P. Lonappan?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* There is one P. L. Lonappan.

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* How many kinds of Mettur Mull are there?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E.** *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice. I will make a suggestion. It would be much nicer if pointed questions are put or representations are made to me either orally or in writing after these hours.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I will do that.

## T.A. AND D.A. PAID TO SECRETARIAT CLERKS FOR ATTENDING CAMP OFFICES OF THE DIWAN AND THE MINISTER

**299. Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the Amount of T.A. and D.A. paid to the section clerks of the Secretariat for attending the camp Offices of the Diwan and the Minister in different parts of the State showing



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